

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled.)

2. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a biaxially-oriented polyester container ~~defined in Claim 1~~ formed by a double-stage orientation blow molding method, the containers having a uniformly elongated bottom part having uniform wall thickness, the method comprising:

(a) performing two-stage primary orientation blow molding of a preform made of a polyester resin to obtain a primary molded product larger than a final molded product, the two stages of primary orientation blow molding comprising:

(i) a first stage, wherein the bottom part of the primary-molded-product preform is elongated while being restrained by a stretch rod and a press rod to obtain an elongated preform in the first stage; and

(ii) a second stage, wherein the bottom part of the primary-molded-product elongated preform is released from the restrained state prior to blow molding to provide the primary molded product in the second stage;

(b) heat-shrinking said primary molded product into a secondary molded product; and

(c) performing secondary orientation blow molding of said secondary molded product to obtain the final molded product.